

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 8 is cancelled.

I. Allowed Subject Matter

Applicant thanks Examiner Brown for Allowing claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-12.

II. Claim Rejections

The Office Action rejects claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Rohrl (U.S. Patent No. 6,353,776) in view of Spahn (U.S. Patent No. 5,469,727) in further view of Weis (U.S. Patent No. 6,794,988). By this Amendment claim 8 is canceled. Therefore this rejection is moot.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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